
Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

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NOTICE OF APPLICABILITY; GENERAL SECTION 401 WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION ORDER REQUIREMENTS FOR THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON, POST-CREEK FIRE EMERGENCY DEBRIS FLOW FENCE PROJECT (WDID NO. 5B10CR00111), FRESNO COUNTY

On 5 November 2021, Southern California Edison (Applicant) filed a notification requesting coverage under the 9 October 2018 State Water Resources Control Board Clean Water Act Section 401 General Water Quality Certification of the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Regional General Permit 8 (General Certification Order) for the Post-Creek Fire Emergency Debris Flow Fence Project (Project). After review of the notification and the supplemental material submitted by the Applicant, the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Valley Water Board) has determined that the Project qualifies for enrollment under this General Certification Order. The proposed activity will take place within less than 0.0014 acre of waters of the United States.

The Central Valley Water Board is certifying this Project under United States Army Corps of Engineers Regional General Permit 8, Emergency Repair and Protection Activities, subject to the conditions and the notification requirements described in the Nationwide Permit ("Special Conditions"). This Notice of Applicability is being issued under the General Certification Order pursuant to Section 3838 of the California Code of Regulations.

A copy of the [General Certification Order](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/cwa401/docs/generalorders/rgp8_cert.pdf) (https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/cwa401/docs/generalorders/rgp8_cert.pdf) can be found on the State Water Resources Control Board's General Orders webpage.

The Project must proceed in accordance with the requirements contained in this Notice of Applicability and General Certification Order. The Project is described in the notification form requesting coverage under the General Certification Order, dated 5 November 2021, and supplementary information (Application Package). Coverage

under the General Certification Order is no longer valid if the Project (as described) is modified.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The 4.68-acre Project consists of equipment operations within the drainages that are necessary to install debris flow fences at the three installation sites. Work is intended to take place in dry conditions of the side slopes and primarily above any surface flows in a period of runoff following precipitation events. The embedded anchoring systems will be retained for future post-fire response and are considered a permanent discharge. Excavation is necessary to install anchor support ropes and anchors to an embeddedness depth that will be dictated by subsurface substrates encountered during pilot anchor testing. The debris fences are planned to be removed after 5-years of operations.

The Project will permanently impact 0.0014 acre of waters of the United States.

PROJECT LOCATION:

The Project is located near the confluence of Big Creek and the San Joaquin River in the Sierra Nevada Mountains of Fresno County.

Sections 21,22,35, Township 08, South Range 24 East, MDB&M.

Section 02, Township 09 South, Range 24 East, MDB&M.

Location: BC2-1 North

Latitude: 37.197822 Degrees and Longitude: -119.308264 Degrees

Location: MP-1 North

Latitude: 37.220319 Degrees and Longitude: -119.338908 Degrees

Location: MP-1 South

Latitude: 37.220072 Degrees and Longitude: -119.339111 Degrees

PROJECT SCHEDULE:

The approximate timeframe of Project construction is November 2021 through December 2021.

APPLICATION FEE RECEIVED:

An application fee of \$ 2,066.00 was received on 15 September 2021

The fee amount was determined as required by California Code of Regulations, title 23, sections 3833(b)(3) and 2200(a)(3), and was calculated as category H - Emergency Projects authorized by a Water Board General Order (fee code 85) with the dredge and fill fee calculator.

If you have any questions regarding this Notice of Applicability, please contact Brandon Salazar at (559) 445-6287 or Brandon.Salazar@waterboards.ca.gov.

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